(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of assistance, if any, given to the State/private entrepreneurs; and

(d) whether any funds have been granted by Government for setting up food processing industries and whether any special zones for processing are likely to be set up in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries has not conducted any specific survey for utilization of fruits and vegetables in Rajasthan for processing. However, the Ministry has been assisting financially various organizations for holding Seminars/Exhibitions to create awareness among farmers and entrepreneurs in the State of Rajasthan. For the State of Rajasthan the Ministry has approved 68 proposals with financial assistance of Rs. 1390.54 lakh till date including 47 proposals with financial assistance of Rs. 840.32 lakh for setting up of food processing industries in the sectors of Oil Milling, Pulse Milling, Milk Processing, Flour Milling, Consumer Industries, Bakery Products etc. There are 4 Food Parks approted in the State of Rajasthan with financial assistance of Rs. 4992.871akh by the Ministry. These parks are located at Ranpur (Distt Kota), Boranada (Distt. Jodhpur), Sri Ganganagar and Alwar. Out of these four food parks, except that in Alwar, all the other three food parks are operational.

Mega food parks

2767. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of mega food parks approved on a fast track mode in the country;

(b) whether such a park would be located in Jharkhand and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the budgetary support that would be given to these parks;

(d) the details as to whether such parks are given one time support or biennial support; and

(e) where all these parks would be located, State-wise and by when these would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (e) Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has submitted a proposal to Planning Commission for implementation of Mega Food Parks during Eleventh Five Year Plan which aims to provide a mechanism to bring together farmers, processors and retailers and link agricultural production to the market so as to maximize value addition, minimize wastages,

increase farmers' income and create employment opportunities in rural sector. Mega Food Park envisages a well-defined agri/horticultural-processing zone containing state of the art processing facilities with support infrastructure and well established supply chain. Under the scheme financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid upto 50% of the project cost in general areas and up to 75% of the project cost in special category States subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 Crores or the cost of approved facilities, whichever is lower, has been envisaged for all implementing agencies. The scheme is under finalization in consultation with Planning Commission. So far, MFPI has not provided financial assistance for setting up of any Mega food park in the country.

Food processing parks in Madhya Pradesh

†2768. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA:
SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government have planned to set up food processing parks in several States;

(b) the places in Madhya Pradesh where these parks would be set up;

(c) the outlines of these parks;

(d) the financial cost of the plan, park-wise;

(e) how much amount is incurred in setting up of one food processing park; and

(f) the number of such parks functioning in the country, at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI): (a) to (f) Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI), has been providing financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid for setting up of Food Park under its Plan scheme @ 25% of project cost in general areas and 33.33% of project cost in difficult areas, subject to maximum of Rs. 4.00 crore for creation of common facilities such as power supply, water supply, cold storage, warehousing facilities, effluent treatment plant, food testing analytical laboratories, common processing facilities etc. The Ministry does not set up food parks on its own. The Ministry has approved financial assistance for 56 food parks in the country, out of which 29 are considered operational. The cost of setting up Food Park varies from project to project depending on various factors such as location, size, common facilities, etc. MFPI has approved financial assistance of Rs. 23.81 crore for six (6) food parks in Madhya Pradesh as per details given below:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.